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SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME POINTS TO THE NEXT UNGA PRESIDENT

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM FROM AMBASSADOR

- 1. FROM JUNE 25 TO 28 MY WIFE AND I WILL BE CRUISING IN THE AEGEAN AS (PAYING) GUESTS OF AN AUSTRIAN PUBLISHER FRIEND, WITH A SMALL GROUP OF OTHER GUESTS THAT INCLUDES GASTON THORN, THE PRIME MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG WHO I UNDERSTAND IS GOING TO PRESIDE OVER THE NEXT UNGA. SINCE THE TOTAL NUMBER ABOARD THE YACHT WILL BE ABOUT 9, THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATION; AND SINCE I AM A FORMER DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN 10 IT IS NATURAL THAT THE UNGA SHOULD COME UP. SO IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THERE MAY BE SOME POINTS THAT YOU MAY WISH ME TO WEAVE INTO THE CONVERSATION ABOUT PROBLEMS THAT WE SEE LOOMING AHEAD FOR THORN AND HOW HE MIGHT PREPARE FOR THEM.
- 2. I ASSUME ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BY AMBASSADOR FARKAS, AND BY NO MEANS WISH TO INTERFERE WITH HER DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY; BUT PERHAPS THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE INFORMAL AND PROLONGED DISCUSSION, WHICH MIGHT EVEN BE SOUGHT BY THORN IN THE COURSE OF GENERAL CONVERSATION, THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE POSSIBLE. IF THIS IDEA HAS MERIT, SUGGEST YOU TELEGRAPH SUGGESTED TOPICS AND TALKING POINTS AND ANY USEFUL BACKGROUND INFORCONFIDENTIAL

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MATION TO ME IN ATHENS WHERE I WILL BE CONSULTING WITH JACK KUBISCH JUNE 23 AND 24. I CANNOT BE REACHED HERE IN SOFIA AFTER JUNE 17.

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